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by mail and email

Dear Mr. Bell:

Re: BC Parks Ski Resort Policy for Cypress, E.C. Manning, and Mount Seymour Parks

Thank you for your 2 November 2015 letter informing Friends of Cypress that BC Parks has approved the Ski Resort Policy for Cypress, E.C. Manning and Mount Seymour parks.

We regret that we were not given an opportunity to review the final draft policy before it was signed by BC Parks Assistant Deputy Minister Jim Standen on 30 October 2015.

Although you state in your letter that “The Ski Resort Policy does not intend to override or compete with the direction that is set out in park management plans, or in park management planning policy,” we remain concerned that in focusing on “providing certainty for continued operation and development of the Ski Resorts,” [Final Policy, p. 2], BC Parks has failed to ensure in the Policy the same certainty for protection of the natural environment, public access and public recreation opportunities.

We believe that a clear statement of BC Parks’ intent re protection of the natural environment and public use of these parks would have improved the Ski Resort Policy and might have helped to lessen possible conflict in future.

Yours sincerely,

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